

Page 5, line 6, before "A variety", delete the "A" and insert ---The invention can employ any of a---. Line 7, change "thipotropic" to ---thixotropic---. Line 9, change "helps" to ---help---.

Page 12, line 3 from the bottom, change "applied" to ---apparent---. Line 2 from the bottom, before "are" insert ---herein---.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

A1

1. A nontoxic environmentally compatible insect deterrent composition comprising, a solution or dispersion of a surfactant in an amount sufficient to interfere with vital functions of an insect and a nontoxic soluble or dispersible thickening agent admixed therewith, such that the insect is debilitated or killed thereby when the solution is applied to the body of the insect.

Please rewrite claim 10 as follows:

A2

10. A method of debilitating or killing insects comprising the steps of:  
providing an aqueous composition for debilitating or killing an insect,  
sensing the presence of the insect, and  
thereafter spraying the composition in the vicinity of the insect in response to the sensing of the insect.